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Battles and attacks by the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia with the forces of the British enemy and his stooges during the past days concentrated in the Razzat area in the Central Region. As to the Eastern Region, the enemy withdrew most of his forces from there and in particular from Aram, Asheihat and Allam, and Nasheb and added these forces to his forces in Razzat which face fierce attacks by our patriot revolutionaries. Since the 8th November upto 12th November, our forces launched seven successful offensive operations on centres of the enemy forces in the highlands of Razzat. Most of these operations which were important were the following:

On 8th November, 1972, our forces attacked with light and medium weapons and mortars these centres for one hour during which many of the enemy positions were destroyed and a number of his members were injured. The sniping group of our forces carried out on the same day sniping operations against the enemy members inside the enemy positions resulting in the death of two enemy members. Afterwards the enemy carried out on the same day a retaliatory operation to avenge from the peaceful citizens. The British Royal Air Force aircraft launched savage raids on the gatherings of citizens and their cattles in the wadis and on top of mountains and hills in the Central Region. These raids resulted in the martyrdom of one of the female citizens, the injury of two other female citizens and the burning of wide areas of herding places. It is worth recalling that the British aircraft used incendiary bombs on wide areas of herding places leading to fire being set to these places.

In the evening of 12th November, 1972, the forces of the People's Liberation Army, attacked the enemy positions in the highlands of Razzat using light and medium weapons. They also confronted a convoy of enemy vehicles on the road leading to these positions using R.B.G. rockets. They managed to destroy three vehicles completely (of the Bedford type) and to set fire to them. In the morning of the same day our forces launched two successive attacks on the same positions using mortars.

In the Western Region (Sarfeet), the forces of the People's Liberation Army launched successful attacks on the enemy centres in the north of Sarfeet. This made the enemy confined in his positions unable to move. From the 8th of November upto the 14th our forces launched 23 successful operations on the enemy centres using light and medium machine-guns and concentrated mainly on mortars. The sniping group also launched several sniping operations against these centres. This made the enemy resort to trenches. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy as a result. As usual the enemy aircraft launched raids throughout these days on the nearby areas with the aim of retaliating from the masses following every blow directed by our patriot revolutionaries. But there were no casualties as a result of these raids. Total Enemy casualties were as follows:-

- 1) Death and injury of 53 enemy members,
- 2) Destruction of three Bedford vehicles,
- 3) Destruction of 38 positions, two 81-mm artilleries, a medium machine-gun and control tower.

Our losses included the martyrdom of a female citizen, the injury of two other female citizens and the burning of wide areas of herding places as a result of the air raids.

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KUWAIT: ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS HOLD THEIR MEETING IN KUWAIT WITHOUT THE GULF STATES.

The meetings of the Arab Foreign and Defence Ministers started in Kuwait on 15th November without an invitation being extended to the Foreign and Defence Ministers of the Arabian Gulf States and Oman. This was justified by the Foreign Minister of Kuwait Sabah al-Ahmed in a press statement by saying that Kuwait did not make invitations for the conference but the invitations came from the Arab League. Arab countries and political observers said that this conference is regarded to be important and the most serious conference to be held by the Arab League. The meetings held since 15th November, 1972 were all closed-door meetings.

Non-invitation of the States in Oman and the Arabian Gulf for attending the serious meetings of the Arab League conference although they are members in the Arab League is due to the open contradiction between the consideration that these states or colonised states in the hands of Anglo-American imperialism and between their fully membership in the League as independent States. This made the other Arab countries not call these States to attend serious conference as some of the Defence Ministers of these States are British. For example General Hugh Oldman, the British, is the Defence Minister of the Sultanate of Oman.

WHO ARE THE GULF SHEIKHS WHO PAID TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SUCCESS OF NIXON

Al-Ahram said in its weekly commentary last Friday = 13th November, 1972 that some Gulf sheikhs paid ten million dollars for the success of Nixon in his election campaign. It is to be recalled that Nixon's rival McGovern laid down in his campaign dissolution of many of America's links in many parts of the world and with some weak reactionary regimes. While Nixon affirmed the continuation of the policy in America's commitment to defend the puppet reactionary regimes of America which regimes are hated by their peoples. These of course include the reactionary regimes in the Arabian Peninsula topped by the idolistic regime in Saudi Arabia.

The ten million dollars paid by the Gulf Sheikhs, the major part of which was paid by Ahmed Zaki al-Yamani, Saudi Oil Minister, who was present in New York during the election campaign, was not due to any impressions or bet on Nixon in solving the Palestinian issue as mentioned by Mohammad Hassanein Heykal as Nixon gave Israel more than what was given to it by all Presidents of the United States as a whole and his hostile stand towards the Palestinian issue is well known to all Arab countries combined. The real reason for paying the ten million dollars from the spoilt wealth of the Arab peoples lies in the fact that the reactionary regimes in the Arabian Peninsula support Nixon in defence of their interests and presence as Nixon is obliged to ensure the stay of these regimes in spite of the rejection of these masses of such regimes. Nixon is also committed to fight the revolution in the Arabian Peninsula and as such he is establishing American bases and operates the armies and fleets against the will of the American Congress and opposition to such new American involvement.

OIL CANNOT BECOME A WEAPON IN THE NATIONAL BATTLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM EXCEPT WHEN IT BECOMES IN THE HANDS OF THE ARAB MASSES

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The al-Hayyat newspaper of Beirut wrote on 8th November, 1972 that King Feisal received the Ambassador of Oman to the Saudi Arabian Kingdom. It was reported that the Omani Ambassador delivered to the Saudi monarch a message from Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed of Oman.

BRITAIN:BRITAIN SENDS ONE OF ITS MINISTERS TO
TOUR GULF

Al-Hayyat newspaper of Beirut wrote on 8th November, 1972 that the British Foreign office is reviewing the issue of sending one of its Ministers on tour of Arabian Gulf States as scheduled on 24th November and 7th December. A British Foreign Office spokesman said that it has not been decided yet whether the tour will take place as scheduled and will be undertaken by one of the new Ministers in the Ministry.

It was announced on 31/10/72 that a programme on this visit was issued and it contains the talks to be held by the Minister with the leaders of these countries in connection with the developments there and in the Middle East. The tour was scheduled to cover Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the Federation of Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman.

BAHRAIN:ANOTHER PALESTINE IN THE GULF

Al-Adhwa newspaper of Bahrain published under the title "Another Palestine in the Gulf" that Bahrain is witnessing a wave of serious penetration by neighbouring States and that it happened that inhabitants of the village of Assanabes in Bahrain discovered in the past weeks some infiltrating groups and in turn reported the matter to the police as this is the least to be done by the citizens. But the police did not move or take care and this made the infiltrators find their way calmly into Bahrain.

The newspaper did not point out the source of this wave of infiltration as it was lacking the literal courage to point to Iran. But it pointed out that this infiltration is not strange to Bahrain as it was happening since long. But hatred is different this time than in previous times. This calls upon us to query the plans weaved anew for plotting against the Arabism of the people of the Gulf and to continue looting the wealths of this people.

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Al-Ballagh also reported that there were wrong reports from reliable sources in the Arabian Gulf that this occupation took place and that it was due to an agreement between the Sultanate of Oman and the Iranian Government during the past six months in which visits by officials in the Sultanate were repeated to T_eheran which visits were crowned by that made by Attuweini bin Shihab, senior political adviser to Sultan Qaboos, to T_eheran on 19th July, 1972. During this visit Shihab concluded a secret agreement between Iran and the Sultanate of Oman under which the Sultanate undertakes to forfeit strategic positions of Oman in H_ormez Strait in return for material and military backing from Iran. (In fact Iran sent a big number of military experts and military equipment to Muscat in the past months of July and September).

OMAN:

STRUGGLE OF THE WOMAN IN OMAN

In 1970, the Association of Omani Women was founded by a managing board formed of seven girls headed by a girl called Awatef Arraimi. The objectives of the Association covered a programme for eradicating illiteracy within the rank of the Omani female citizens. Debates and symposiums were also held at expanded level between the women in a bid to wipe out old and traditional residues which control the women such as the Zar orgies etc. In a bid to paralyse the activity of the Association, Abdullah Mohammad Attai, who was Minister of Information and Social Welfare and Labour at the time, recalled the leader of the association before starting any activity, and asked her to stop such activity and to notify the Ministry of any work carried out by the association. But Awatef Arraimi continued her activity within the Association without recouring to the Ministry. She was then recalled by the Ministry which interrogated her and dismissed her from the association on the grounds that a new managing board is to be formed to serve the authority. Awatef has nothing but to form an underground association called the Association of Omani Women. The authority managed to discover this association and so recalled again Awatef and interrogated her and threatened her of imprisonment if she does not stop her destructive activity as alleged. The authority also tried to expel her out by sending her on a mission in order to get rid of her initiatives to enlighten the women in her country.

BAGHDAD: - 11.11.72

PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF TAKES PART IN WORLD OIL SYMPOSIUM IN BAGHDAD

A delegate from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf will take part in the symposium under the title "Oil as a weapon against imperialism and Israeli aggression and a means for free economic development) which was organised by the National Council for Peace and Solidarity in the Iraqi Republic in cooperation with the World Peace Council and the Afro-Asian Solidarity Organisation.

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ABU DHABI:

RELIEF OF FOUR MEMBERS OF CONSULTATIVE
COUNCIL IN ABU DHABI

The Kuwaiti Assiyasah newspaper reported that Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahyan Ruler of Abu Dhabi Amirate and President of the Federation of Arab Amirates issued a decree calling for the relief of four members of the Consultative National Council of the Amirate. The relieved four persons are Rashed Uwaidha, Farag bin Hamcodah, Abdullah Saadi and Ahmed bin Mohammad al-Fahem. The last member did not perform the constitutional oath and did not start his activities inside the Consultative National Council.

All this gives clear evidence on the fakeness of democracy in such consultative councils and how a group of sheikhs control the right and freedom of our people to determine their destiny.

IRAN:

THE SHAH ANNOUNCES THAT HIS DEFENSIVE PLANS
EXTEND FROM GULF TO INDIAN OCEAN

The al-Hayyat newspaper of Beirut published on 8th November, 1972 a report saying that the Shah of Iran announced that Iran's naval force will increase several folds in the next five years as part of the long-term defensive strategy which will extend to the Indian Ocean. The Shah also announced by saying that the events in the world taught us that the sea neighbouring the Gulf of Oman I mean the Indian Ocean does not recognise any limits."

IRAN:

THE FACT BEHIND OCCUPATION BY IRAN OF
UM AL-GHANAM ISLAND

AL-BALAGH NEWSPAPER reported on 13th November, 1972 that the Iranian military forces occupied the Omani island of Um al-Ghanam, which is having a strategic and important location controlling the entrance into Hormez Strait and adjacent to Ras Massendam where oil tankers pass from the right and north, to ensure full control by Iran on the entrance into the Arabian Gulf so that navigation in the Gulf becomes under its mercy. Um al-Ghanam was the fourth island after Minor and Major Tonb islands and Abou Moussa island, to be occupied by Iran, and it is unfortunate that such occupation took place without any noise being stirred. ALL PARTIES concerned in the Gulf were eager to keep the occupation secret and even when the news flared up a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in the Sultanate of Oman refuted the report and described it as without foundation.

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The People's Front supported sister Iraq in its progressive step to nationalise the Iraq Oil Company in a message sent by the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front to Iraqi President Ahmed Hasson al-Bakr, following the historical nationalisation resolution.

The People's Front is leading the struggle of our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf against colonialism and its reactionary stooges and that it will fight the oil monopolies in the first place and all colonialist military bases and the armies and fleets of colonialism and the puppet regimes with all their repressive instruments which came to protect these monopolies and loot and exploit our people. Therefore the fight of our people and the Iraqi people is one against the octopus of oil monopolies.

PRESS STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S FRONT
FOR LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF ON DECLARATION OF
CEASEFIRE BY BRITISH AND SULTANATE FORCES IN EASTERN REGION

The forces of the British puppet government of Qaboos declared unilateral ceasefire for a period of six days during the period from 8th November to 14th November and threatened rural inhabitants of imprisonment and avenge if they do not drop their weapons and come out raising their hands to the forces of Qaboos.

In reply to the malicious and mean stand of the authority which belittles the awareness of our people and their determination to fight, the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia launched 25 attacks on the enemy centres in the Eastern Region and the area in the east of the Red Line. The enemy forces suffered heavy losses which were not assessed upto now.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf announces that the suspicious behaviour by the Sultanate forces was only aimed at preparations for a new campaign which is being prepared under plans by the first puppet of imperialism in the Gulf the Shah of Iran who started to extend huge aid to puppet Qaboos in a bid to protect the stooges of Muscat and in other words to protect the whole reactionary and imperialist situation in the Gulf.

We declare that the masses of the revolution of 9th June did not carry the arms and did not fight throughout the past seven years except for continuing the fight until liberation and unification of our homeland is completed.

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OMAN:

CAMPAIGNS OF ANNIHILATION AND POVERTY OF CITIZENS

On 15th October, 1972, the British Royal Air Force launched an air raid on the houses of citizens and their cattles east of the Red Line in the Central Region. The raid resulted in the injury of two hundred heads of she-camels of the citizens of whose source of living these she-camels form and the aids did not leave anything for them to live from. These raids come as part of the policy of burning and exterminating anything which policy is often used by the British and puppet Qaboos authorities and in a heavy manner since Qaboos took over power in 1970, against the inhabitants of liberated rural areas in a desperate attempt to force them come down to towns still controlled by them under the influence of air raids and poverty of citizens.

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

ARAB OIL FROM A WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF THE ARABS
TO A WEAPON IN THE HANDS OF AMERICA

Noise was stirred and not calmed yet in the Western Press and the Arab press which are linked with the oil monopolies over the recent partnership agreement between the oil Gulf countries and the oil companies in New York on 5th October when Ahmed Zaki al-Yamani, Saudi Oil Minister, who is America's man in this stage and according to the Washington Post al-Yamani" (and not King Feisal) is qualified in this stage to be the "most important Arab".

Is it coincidence that Yamani, the advocate of the Catholic marriage with oil monopolies becomes the hero of the stage and advocates of "use the oil for pressing on America" hide their heads in the sand because of shame? How these changes took place?

The question of using the oil for bearing pressure on the United States and countries backing Israel such as West Germany and Britain was laid down from different angles - the first connected with present relations between many of the Arab countries and oil monopolies having fellowship link with the weak first party and the strong second party which sees that control by the oil monopolies over the Arab oil and its full influence over it is a helpful factor for Israel to go deeper in its expansionist policy and continued aggression on the Palestinian people and the Arab nation. This situation also forms a basic backing for the imperialist countries.

It became known that Israel is getting its biggest part of its needs from Sinai oil with the help of monopolistic companies and that the Arab and Iranian oil in the Gulf crosses the Eilat-Ashdod line of Israel backing by that Israel's economy benefiting the Israeli

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The Palestinian commando operation against the Israeli oil tanker near Bab al-Mandab revealed huge collusion operations covering Iran, other Gulf countries, monopolistic companies and Israel. Moreover the Arab oil feeds the American God of War in Indo-China and backs the shaky American economy and provides energy for Western industry. The revolutionary view stressed that the only way for using the oil as a weapon in the battle against imperialism and Zionism is complete and effective control by the progressive regimes in fact since as the monopolies are in control of these wealths but in control of the oil producing countries to an extent of appointing the authority to be under it, then the slogan of oil as a weapon in the battle is a theoretical talk.

But the second failure angle says that the Arab oil-producing countries, leave alone the nature of these regimes, can bear pressure on the United States in particular to modify its attitude towards the backing of Israel endlessly. The look of these stems from an opportunist stand as these lay down such tactics (economic pressures, political and diplomatic manoeuvres and mediations) as a replacement for the real struggle - the long-term people's war and participation of the people as a major party in the struggle. These emanate from their belief in the failure of those who stand for confronting occupation and Israeli expansion and the foreseeable fact that Israel is the advance armed post of American imperialism to protect the oil monopolies and to hit the progressive forces in the area as well as obstructing the development of the Arab nation on the progressive path. As such any bet on the change of America's stand is mere nonsense because what is between America and Israel is an organic link and not a temporary relation.

Those holding this view ignore that the reactionary oil countries are mere tools in the hands of the oil monopolies and their care about their interests and those of the oil monopolies comes before the national interest.

Feisal said it very frankly to the Massawar correspondent "We do not believe in the use of oil to bear pressure on anyone whoever it be as this is not in our interest". Ahmed Zaki al-Yamani also repeated it in more than one place that the oil is a tool for development and not a weapon for bearing pressure on consumer countries."

The circumstances of reversion witnessed by the Arab arena in return for the imperialist attack the most important signs of which are the bid by imperialism headed by America and the reactionary countries in the area (Israel, Iran and Arab reactionary regimes) to liquidate the armed Arab progressive forces physically and to repress the Arab national movement and political control by Saudi reaction on the Arab arena in return for the retreat of the liberal regimes as well as imposition of Israel backed by America for occupation and expansion after feeling certain of the present state of peace. All these gave the Saudi reactionary regime a leading role in the Arab policy taking advantage of the backing of the United States and its ability to bear pressure on the confrontation regimes in return for the bitter status. There are some Arab countries which work to rebel on this status and the influence of oil monopolies which is the face of the coin of neo-colonialism.

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In return for the official reversion in the Arab arena, there was an increasing Arab popular rejection of control by the monopolies on the Arab economy and the flare-up of awareness on the serious role played by these monopolies in establishing the present Arab situation standing on surrender and influence of the imperialist countries and Israeli expansion. Moreover the lay down of the question of using the oil as a weapon as a way out for those who failed in the real confrontation with Israel and those behind Israel, pushed the oil monopolies towards rallying behind this spreading wave and hostile to the monopolies. In this way partnership between the oil-producing countries and oil monopolies came out. We are here not to sum up or analyse the reality of the partnership as this had been analysed by the progressive Arab press in a sufficient manner. What we want to say here is that those who call "for using the oil as a weapon to press on America", who are well known circles, have kept quiet and the mouthpiece now is the flow of oil and to ensure that the controlling situation of the monopolies is not changed so long that the funds of the producing countries are at stake in American markets in accordance with the proposal of al-Yamani for an investment of 20 per cent from Saudi oil revenues in American market.

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